**BEFORE** 

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 89-64-E - ORDER NO. 89-491

MAY 5, 1989

IN RE: Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc.,

Complainant,

vs.

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Inc.,

Respondent.

ORDER GRANTING
PETITION TO INTERVENE
OUT OF TIME

On April 21, 1989, South Carolina Public Service Authority (the Authority) filed a Petition to Intervene Out of Time in the above captioned matter. The Authority stated that as a result of unanticipated personnel changes within the Authority involving positions directly related to the Authority's decision-making processes with respect to this proposed intervention, the Authority was unable to comply with the April 7, 1989 intervention deadline. The April 7, 1989 deadline was apparently instituted at a time when the hearing on this matter was set for April 26, 1989. Because the hearing has now been postponed, the Authority respectfully requests that the Commission accept this Petition beyond the deadline and give full consideration to the proposed intervention by the Authority.

The Authority asserts that the outcome of this action will affect the rights and interest of the Authority in that it has obligated itself to large and long range financial obligations and to power supply contracts based upon energy and demand growth in territories previously assigned by the Commission. The outcome of this case could negatively affect the franchise rights, wholesale power contracts, financial commitment, system designs and construction of all electrical suppliers, including the Authority. The outcome of this action may affect the electrical rates of the customers of the Authority.

The Commission finds that the Petition to Intervene Out of
Time should be granted. This party is permitted to intervene with
full rights of participation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Hallete

Chairman

ATTEST:

(SEAL)